

# Kittery's Road to Zero Waste

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## Policies, Programs and Ordinances

Zero waste policies, programs and ordinances go beyond recycling to focus on systematic strategies that reduce waste, reuse products and then recycle and compost the remainder.

The Town of Kittery must lead by example by reviewing and reworking its own policies, programs and ordinances in order to encourage town-wide participation in our goal for zero waste by the year 2040. With this said, Overarching town-wide policies, programs and ordinances need to be “rethought” from a new perspective of sustainability and zero waste.

### Policies, programs and ordinances to be reviewed and reworked include, but are not limited to:

- Town of Kittery's Growth Management Comprehensive Plan needs to include considerations for sustainability and zero waste throughout the entire blueprint.
- The Department of Public Works and other department level policies/rules and regulations need to include more written policies and practices on how and what we purchase to encourage a green economy.
- Existing ordinances that need to be reviewed and reworked include:
  1. Title 8 – Health and Safety Ordinance
    - o Name change to Resource Recovery Facility
    - o Private Hauling License – the intent
    - o Entire ordinance to include regionalization
  2. Chapter 3.2 – Purchasing System
    - o To guide and encourage sustainability
- New ordinances to consider may include:
  - Demolition Policy, Assistance and Regulations

### Sustainability is based on a simple principle:

*Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment. Sustainability creates and maintains the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony, that permit fulfilling the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations. (United States Environmental Protection Agency - [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov))*